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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. FOLLOWING A JOINT US/FRENCH/BELGIAN MEETING WITH UN SYG BOUTROS-GHALI APRIL 1 ON ZAIRE, THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN PERMREPS RAISED RWANDA. THE USG DISSOCIATED CONFIDENTIAL

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ITSELF FROM THE DEMARCHE, PER REFS, BUT REMAINED IN THE ROOM. THE FRENCH STRESSED THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A 100-MAN FORCE ON THE UGANDAN SIDE OF THE BORDER, WHICH WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM THE BUFFER OR HUMANITARIAN FORCES. U/SYG JONAH CLARIFIED FOR THE SYG THAT UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HAD ASKED FOR 20-30 OBSERVERS ORIGINALLY, BUT WOULD NOW BE WILLING TO TAKE MORE. THE REPORT OF THE GOODWILL MISSION WOULD NOT BE PREPARED FOR SOME TIME, SINCE THE UN'S REPRESENTATIVE HAD GONE FROM RWANDA TO THE ARUSHA PEACE TALKS, WHICH WERE NOW STALLED. A SPECIAL REPORT JUST ON THE BORDER SITUATION

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### COULD BE PREPARED.

- 3. THE SYG OBSERVED THE IMPORTANCE OF NEITHER COMPETING WITH, NOR BEING SUBORDINATE TO, THE OAU. HE ALSO NOTED THAT A SC MANDATE WAS REQUIRED. U/SYG JONAH AGREED WITH THE NEED FOR A MANDATE, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE OAU DID NOT OBJECT TO A UN FORCE ON THE BORDER. USUN DEPUTY PERMREP WALKER MADE THE POINT THAT THE SC WOULD NEED TO SEE A REPORT FROM THE SYG IN ORDER TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION. SYG'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AMB. GHAREKHAN, AGREED THAT AN INTERIM REPORT WOULD BE NEEDED, AS WELL AS A BUDGET. THE SYG REMARKED THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN ARUSHA, MR. PEDANOU, COULD JOIN GEN. BARIL ON THE UGANDA/RWANDA BORDER. UPON THEIR FINDINGS, THE SYG WOULD THEN ISSUE A REPORT OUTLINING WHAT WAS NEEDED ON THE BORDER.
- 4. BOTH JONAH AND GHAREKHAN ACKNOWLEDGED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE THE 100 OBSERVERS NEEDED. THE BELGIANS STATED THEY WERE NOT/NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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EAGER TO BE PART OF THE BORDER FORCE. THE FRENCH
CONTENDED THEY WOULD NOT MIND BEING INCLUDED, BUT THE
RPF WERE NOT IN FAVOR.

5. AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMALS APRIL 2, FRENCH PERMREP MERIMEE BRIEFLY BROUGHT UP RWANDA, UNDERLINING THE NECESSITY TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT MASSACRES AND/OR RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE SYG ABOUT SENDING A "PRECURSOR ELEMENT" OF 3 OR 4 PEOPLE TO THE UGANDA/RWANDA BORDER. HE REASSURED THE COUNCIL THAT THERE COULD BE NO DEPLOYMENT WITHOUT SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL.

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